

SENATE BILL No. 97

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 1-2-16.

Synopsis: Indiana grown popcorn. Designates Indiana grown popcorn as the official state snack of Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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January 5, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.



First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2021)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning general provisions.

Whereas, the United States produces nearly all of the world's popcorn, and is the first in the world for consumption of popcorn.

Whereas, twenty-five (25) states in the United States grow the crop.

Whereas, the State of Indiana ranks second in the nation for production of popcorn, just behind the State of Nebraska, which produces more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the nation's popcorn.

Whereas, the States of Illinois, Ohio, and Missouri also produce large amounts of the nation's popcorn.

Whereas, Americans eat approximately thirteen (13) billion quarts of popcorn each year.

Whereas, the State of Indiana produces nearly five hundred million (500,000,000) pounds of popcorn on Hoosier soil each year.

Whereas, the production of Indiana grown popcorn has brought jobs to the State of Indiana.

Whereas, Purdue University plant breeders helped pioneer popcorn



breeding in the late 1930s and early 1940s, and those varieties were used by Orville Redenbacher and others in the industry today.

Whereas, the State of Indiana has an opportunity to designate Indiana grown popcorn as its state snack: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 1-2-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2021]:
4 **Chapter 16. State Snack**
5 **Sec. 1. Indiana grown popcorn is designated as the official state**
6 **snack of Indiana.**

